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Good afternoon Commissioners,

My name is Craig Taubman and I represent the Pico Union Project, located in an area directly adjacent to MacArthur Park.

Thank you for bringing up Pico Union and Westlake previously. These are areas rich with culture and unique in the significant needs of the community – needs that it shares with its neighboring community in MacArthur Park.

While the Pico Union area is an at-risk community it is also strong and proud. Over the past 6 years, with the support of Supervisor District 1, our area has made significant changes, improving the quality of life and services in the community. It would be a grave mistake and extremely disruptive to our many service providers and community members to be in separate Supervisorial Districts.

The MacArthur Park, Echo Park, Pico Union and East Los Angeles – are one strong vibrant Supervisorial District. In fact, Echo Park is in the Westlake district of east-central Los Angeles.

The issues of food security, health disparities, COVID-19 are real and pronounced. The ongoing support of the First Supervisorial District has taken years to nurture, and the health and well-being of our immigrant families has grown to depend on this relationship. It is imperative that we not dilute the voices of our community through redistricting.

For these reasons, please reject Map B-4 and approve Map F-3.

Sincerely,

Craig Taubman

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